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**2023  
Texas Legislature Online (TLO)  
Handbook**

**Everything you need in one spot**

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<https://capitol.texas.gov/>

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# **TEXAS LEGISLATURE ONLINE**

## **SECTION 1**

### **MyTLO AND HOW TO USE IT**

# WHY SET UP MyTLO AND HOW?

MyTLO allows you to choose particular bills you want to follow. You can see their progress from filing, to committee assignments, to hearings to calendars and to a floor vote for passage. You will probably find that many bills are killed at some stage in the process.



## Login

E-mail Address:   Remember Me  
Password:     
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## MyTLO Features

The MyTLO section of the Texas Legislature Online website offers personalized viewing of legislative content.

- ➔ Bill List: A custom list of bills created by:
  - Manually entering the bill number
  - Adding the bill number from the bill history page or bill or text search results page
  - Adding all the bills from a bill search result set
- ➔ Bill Alert: Receive e-mail notification when bills on this custom list have selected significant actions added. Bills are added by:
  - Manually entering the bill number
  - Adding the bill number from the bill history page
  - Adding the bill number from a text or bill search results page
- ➔ Bill Subject: Receive alerts when bills are assigned a specific subject.
- Other alerts: Receive e-mail notification when selected calendars, committee hearing notices, committee minutes are posted, or the house/senate adjourn.
- Access RSS feeds for legislative content through your favorite newsreader software.
- Access legislative content on your wireless mobile device.
- ➔ Save your bill, amendment, and text searches to use later.
- Usage of the bill list, alert list, and saved search features requires registration. Service is FREE of charge ([privacy policy](#)).

**NOTE:** Bill alerts are removed prior to the prefiling period for each regular session. Once prefiling begins, bill alerts will remain intact until the next prefiling period.

# MyTLO DROPDOWN MENU

Click on Legislation to find bills with subjects you want to follow



## **Bill Lists**

Create a list of bills that you would like to watch. Each time you run the list, the bill information is updated.

## **Alerts**

Enter bills on the alert list, be notified of committee and calendar postings, be notified when bills are assigned subjects of interest, be notified when the house or senate adjourn.

## **Saved Searches**

Access your saved bill, text, and amendment searches.

## **Mobile Device Support**

Learn how to access meeting notices, member information, committee information, and bill status on mobile devices.

## **RSS Feeds**

Learn how to view legislative-related feeds through your favorite news aggregator.

**By setting this up, you'll save a lot  
lot of time as you follow bills of interest.**



# HOW TO FIND BILLS YOU WANT TO ADD TO YOUR MyTLO LIST

Texas Legislature Online  
**Bill Lookup**

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Enter a bill number. Examples are HB 4, SJR 56, HR 143.  
Bill Number:  Legislature: 88(R) - 2023  
Information Type: History

**Bill Status Hotline**  
877-824-7038 (in Texas only, toll-free)  
512-463-1252 (outside of Texas)

**Hotline hours and availability**

**Session:**  
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or until the Legislature adjourns for the day.

**Interim:**  
Telephone lines are closed.

Visit the [Legislative Reference Library](#) website for more information concerning the hotline.

**Tips on Finding A Bill**

1. Use [Bill Lookup](#) when you already know the bill number.
2. Use [Text Search](#) when you do not know the bill number but know content.
3. Use [Bill Search](#) to search using multiple criteria such as author, committee, subject, or action.

**Document Formats**

Bill text, fiscal notes, and bill analyses are available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat reader, select this link to [download](#) the viewer.

**FTP Downloads**

A [FTP site](#) is available as an alternative to accessing text of documents through a web browser.

**If you know the bill number**

**Click on text search if you don't know a bill number. You can search by subject here**

Texas Legislature Online  
**Text Search**

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Text Search [Load Search](#) | [Save Search](#)

**Simple Search**

With **all** of the words:

With **any** of the words:

With the **exact phrase**:

**Excluding** the words:

**Custom Boolean Search**

Legislature: 88(R) - 2023

Chamber:  House  Senate

Bill Type:  Bill  JR  CR  R  All

Version:  Introduced  House Committee Report  
 Engrossed  Senate Committee Report  
 Enrolled

Document:  Bill (73(R) to present)  
 Fiscal Note (74(R) to present)  
 Bill Analysis (74(R) to present)  
 Amendment (75(R) to present)

**This page pops up to add your word search here**


# HERE IS THE LIST OF GRID BILLS. YOU CAN SAVE EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY.

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**Text Search**


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**Results** [View Search Criteria](#)

Bills 1 through 10 out of 10 matches.  
 Show Caption  Show Excerpt  Sort by Bill Number

 [88\(R\) HB 1412 - Introduced Version - Bill Text](#)

History	Schaefer
Actions	Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities; authorizing an administrative penalty.
Text	Micro-grid" means a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources inside clearly defined electrical boundaries with respect to the grid. (3) "Security commission" means the Texas Grid Security Commission. Sec. 44.002. TEXAS GRID Security Commission is composed of the following members: (1)
Add to Bill List	
Add to Alert List	

 [88\(R\) SB 330 - Introduced Version - Bill Text](#)  
**Author:** Hall | et al.  
**Caption:** Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities; authorizing an administrative penalty.  
**Excerpt:** Micro-grid" means a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources inside clearly defined electrical boundaries with respect to the grid. (3) "Security commission" means the Texas Grid Security Commission. Sec. 44.002. TEXAS GRID Security Commission is composed of the following members: (1)

 [88\(R\) HB 1146 - Introduced Version - Bill Text](#)  
**Author:** Reynolds  
**Caption:** Relating to the interconnection of the ERCOT power grid to grids outside the ERCOT power region.  
**Excerpt:** by Subsection (c-2), a person, including an electric utility or] municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative may not intercon 39A.0101 [to the ERCOT transmission grid that enables additional power to be imported into or exported out of the ERCOT power grid] w

**Each Texas flag on the left has a dropdown menu. Choose “add to bill list” or “alert list” to add to MyTLO**

# HOW TO SAVE NEW BILLS TO MyTLO

The screenshot displays the Texas Legislature Online interface. On the left, a search results page shows a list of bills. The first result is "88(R) HB 1412 - Introduced Version - Bill Text" by Schaefer. On the right, the "Add Bill to Bill List" form is open. The "New Bill List" radio button is selected, and "HB 1412" is entered in the "New Bill List" field. The "Bill List Description" is "Relating to Grid resilience - SCHAEFER".

**Click "New Bill List",  
add the new bill  
number and click OK**



# LIST OF MY BILL ALERTS

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**Bill Alerts**

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Bill: 88R

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Receive an e-mail alert when certain actions are added to entered bills. Enter the bill number, choose an action category, and enter an optional comment, and click **Add Bill**.

X	Bill	Category	Comment	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Any category		Add Bill
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 848	Referred to committee (H)	straight ticket voting - REYNOLDS	Save
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1012	Referred to committee (H)	step 1 - trans - MENENDEZ	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1012	Reported out of committee (H)	step 3 - trans	Reset
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1012	House calendar action (H)	step 4 - trans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1012	Scheduled for hearing (H)	step 2 - trans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1412	Referred to committee (H)	grid - SCHAEFER	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1938	Referred to committee (H)	STEP 1 SEXUAL GROOMING OF STUDENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2116	Referred to committee (H)	step 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2136	Referred to committee (H)	restrictions on who serves on appraisal boards	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 330	Referred to committee (H)		

**This is your alert list. This early in the session, there is no “My Bill Alerts Today”.**

**The “Bill Alert Report” is on the following page.**

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**Legislature:** 88th Legislature

**Number of Bills:** 7

 [88\(R\) HB 848](#)

**Last Action:**

**Author:** Reynolds


12/01/2022 H Filed

**Caption:**

Relating to allowing straight-party voting.

**Comment:**

**straight ticket voting - REYNOLDS**

 [88\(R\) HB 1012](#)

**Last Action:**

**Author:** González, Jessica


12/14/2022 H Filed

**Caption:**

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination; authorizing civil penalties.

**Comment:**

**step 1 - trans - MENENDEZ**

 [88\(R\) HB 1012](#)

**Last Action:**

**Author:** González, Jessica


12/14/2022 H Filed

**Caption:**

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination; authorizing civil penalties.

**Comment:**

**step 3 - trans**

 [88\(R\) HB 1012](#)

**Last Action:**

**Author:** González, Jessica


12/14/2022 H Filed

**Caption:**

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination; authorizing civil penalties.

**Comment:**

**step 4 - trans**

 [88\(R\) HB 1012](#)

**Last Action:**

**Author:** González, Jessica

12/14/2022 H Filed

**Caption:**

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination; authorizing civil penalties.

**Comment:**

**step 2 - trans**

 [88\(R\) HB 1412](#)

**Last Action:**

**Author:** Schaefer

01/18/2023 H Filed

**Caption:**

Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities; authorizing an administrative penalty.

**Comment:**

**grid - SCHAEFER**

# SAMPLE: bills I'm following:



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Create a list of bills you wish to follow. Enter the list name and description and click **Create**.

Legislature:

### Bill Lists

Bill List Name	Description			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Create"/>		
HB 1012	Gender Modification - MENENDEZ	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 1029	Taxpayer - Gender Reassignment - HARRISON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 122	Gender Transition Liability - TOTH	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 1412	Relating to Grid resilience - SCHAEFER	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 151	Child Porn - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 190	Election Integrity - SWANSON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 209	Border Projects - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 222	Illegal Voting - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 239	Closed Primaries - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
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HB 41	Gender Treatment Liability - TOTH	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 42	Child Abuse - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 436	Child Abuse - PATTERSON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 658	Child Abuse - COOK	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 672	Child Abuse - HEFNER	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 752	Birth Certificate Sex Change - ROSENTHAL	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 84	Texas National Guard Activation - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 858	Repeal Affirmative Defense - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 859	Resident Status of Higher Ed. Students - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 888	Gender Modification Liability - SLAWSON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 91	Illegal Alien Criminal Trespass - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
HB 919	Early Voting Periods - SLATON	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
SB 250	Gender Reassignment - HALL	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

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## Contact Information

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**District:** 2

**Capitol Office:** CAP 4E.2

**Capitol Address:** P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78711

**Capitol Phone:** (512) 463-0102

**District Address:** Alliance Building #2, 6537 Horizon Road, Suite B-1  
Rockwall, TX 75032

**District Phone:** (972) 722-3131

## Committee Assignments

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Sen. Bob Hall

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Report Date: 2/15/2023

Number of Bills: 3

[SB 175](#)

Author: Middleton  
Coauthor: Hall  
Last Action: 02/15/2023 S Referred to State Affairs  
Caption: Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.

[SB 265](#)

Author: Perry  
Coauthor: Hall  
Last Action: 02/15/2023 S Referred to Health & Human Services  
Caption: Relating to required reports of certain vaccine-related or drug-related injuries and adverse events.

[SB 346](#)


Author: Middleton  
Coauthor: Hall  
Last Action: 02/15/2023 S Referred to Health & Human Services  
Caption: Relating to prohibiting the purchase of certain food and drink items under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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**Senate Committee on Border Security (C517)**  
**Legislature:** 88(R) - 2023  
**Appointment Date:** 1/11/2023

**Clerk:** Shelby Sterling  
**Phone:** (512) 463-0276  
**Room:** SHB 340

**Position**

**Chair:**

**Vice Chair:**

**Members:**

**Member**

[Sen. Brian Birdwell](#)

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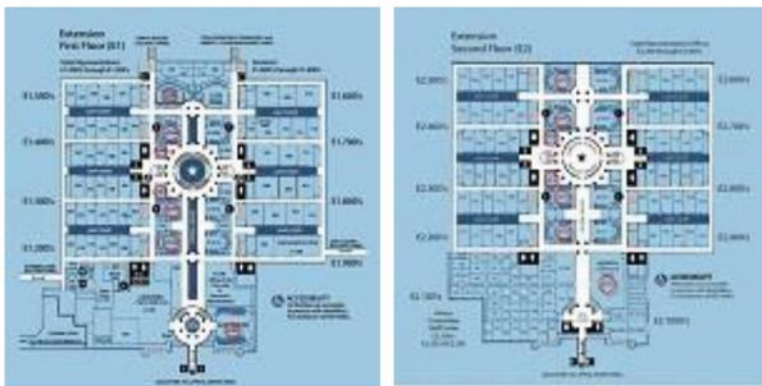
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## About House Witness Registration

House Witness Registration is the quick and simple new way to register for an upcoming House Committee hearing. House Administration has made the witness registration paperless. Now, you can complete the new 5-step registration process when you arrive the Texas Capitol by using one of the touch screen kiosk stations located in the Capitol Extension. You can choose to save your profile information to use for future hearings.

### Registration Station Locations

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1. When within network range, tap *Settings* on your iPad.
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**NOTE:** Access to House Witness Registration through a mobile device is optimized for iPad running the most recent version of iOS. Earlier iOS versions or other mobile device platforms are not supported.

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### Registration Recommendations

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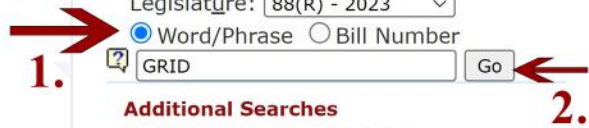
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**Author:** Schaefer

**Caption:** Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities; authorizing an administrative penalty.

**Excerpt:** Micro-grid" means a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources inside clearly defined electrical boundaries that act as a single controllable entity with commission" means the Texas Grid Security Commission. Sec. 44.002. TEXAS GRID SECURITY COMMISSION. (a) The Texas Grid Security Commission is composed of the fol

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[88\(R\) HB 1146 - Introduced Version - Bill Text](#)  
**Author:** Reynolds

**Caption:** Relating to the interconnection of the ERCOT power grid to grids outside the ERCOT power region.

**Excerpt:** by Subsection (c-2), a person, including an electric utility or] municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative may not interconnect a facility described by Section 39A.011 enables additional power to be imported into or exported out of the ERCOT power grid] unless the utility or cooperative [person] obtains a certificate from the commission in the manner provided by Chapter 37 and this chapter stating that the interconnection

[88\(R\) SB 31 - Introduced Version - Bill Text](#)  
**Author:** Zaffirini

**Caption:** Relating to the interconnection of the ERCOT power grid to grids outside the ERCOT power region.

**Excerpt:** or electric cooperative may not interconnect a facility described by Section 39A.0101 [to the ERCOT transmission grid that enables additional power to be imported into or unless the utility or cooperative [person] obtains a certificate from the commission in the manner provided by Chapter 37 and this chapter stating that the interconnection does not pose a public health and safety [public

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 [88\(R\) HB 848 - Introduced Version - Bill Text](#)

**Author:** Reynolds

**Caption:** Relating to allowing straight-party voting.

**Excerpt:** 88R3698 MLH-D By: Reynolds H.B. No. 848 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to allowing straight-party voting. OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 1.005, Election Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (20) to read as follows: vote by a single mark, punch, or other action by the voter

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**88(R) HB 2236 - Introduced Version - Bill Text**  
Author: Schaefer  
**Caption:** Relating to prohibiting the Texas Department of Transportation from participating in or using state money for certain electric vehicle infrastructure programs or plans.  
**Excerpt:** 88R9830 JRR-D By: Schaefer H.B. No. 2236 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to prohibiting the Texas Department of Transportation from participating in or using state money for certain electric vehicle infrastructure programs or plans. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.625

**88(R) HB 2041 - Introduced Version - Bill Text**  
Author: Schaefer  
**Caption:** Relating to notice to consumers when a financial institution generates or collects prohibited firearm or ammunition purchase information.  
**Excerpt:** By: Schaefer H.B. No. 2041 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to notice to consumers when a financial institution generates or collects prohibited firearm or ammunition purchase information. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Chapter 271 Finance Code, is amended to add Section 271.007 as follows: Sec. 271.007. NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

**88(R) HJR 106 - Introduced Version - Bill Text**  
Author: Schaefer  
**Caption:** Proposing a constitutional amendment recognizing the right of a person to travel in a vehicle using human decision-making to operate the vehicle.  
**Excerpt:** 88R9465 JRR-F By: Schaefer H.J.R. No. 106 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a constitutional amendment recognizing the right of a person to travel in a vehicle using human decision-making to operate the vehicle. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Article 1, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 36 to read as follows: Sec. 36. (a)

**88(R) HB 1859 - Introduced Version - Bill Text**  
Author: Schaefer  
**Caption:** Relating to the regulation of air conditioning and refrigeration contracting, including eligibility for an air conditioning and refrigeration technician registration or certification.  
**Excerpt:** 88R8666 JCG-D By: Schaefer H.B. No. 1859 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to the regulation of air conditioning and refrigeration contracting, including eligibility for an air conditioning and refrigeration technician registration or certification. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 1302.002(5-c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 106.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a person who:

(1) is eligible to vote in this state; and

(2) is unable to vote in an election because the person is on a space flight, as defined by the secretary of state, on election day and during the early voting period for the election.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 842, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Election Code Sec. 105.001 by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, Sec. 19.01(16), eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 106.002. VOTING PERMITTED. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures for voting from space on election day by secure electronic means by persons to whom this chapter applies. The procedures may provide for:

(1) a deadline by which a person must apply to vote under this chapter; and

(2) the use of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's electronic transmission program to send ballots to persons on a space flight.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 842, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Election Code Sec. 105.002 by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, Sec. 19.01(16), eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

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(Feb. 15, 1876.)

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Bill: 88R

Friday, February 17, 2023

9:00 AM

Finance (Canceled/see notice) [E1.036 (Finance Room)]

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View committee hearings.

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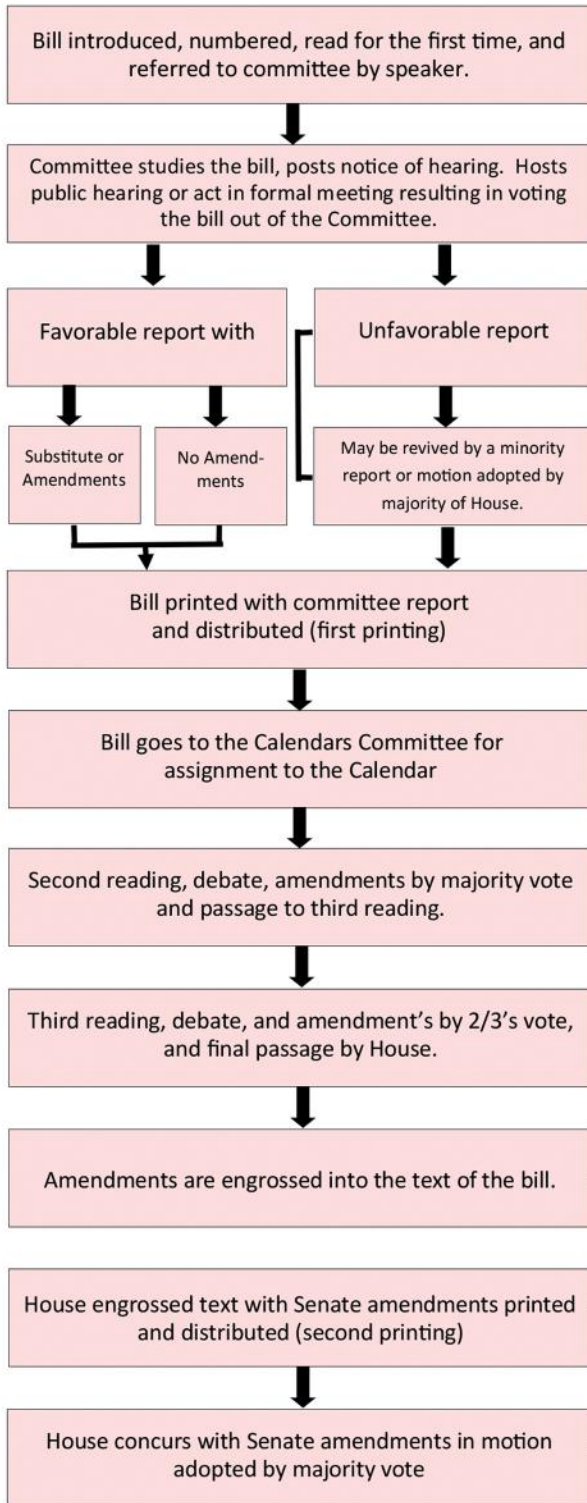


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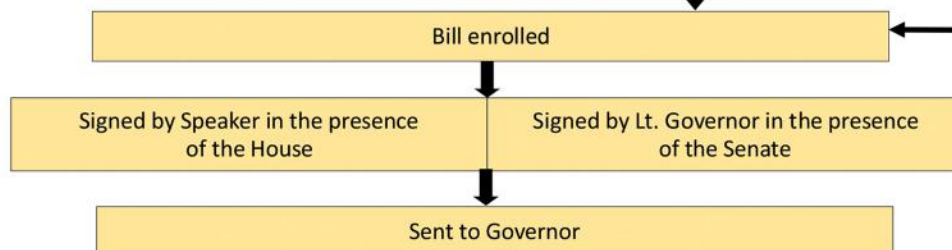
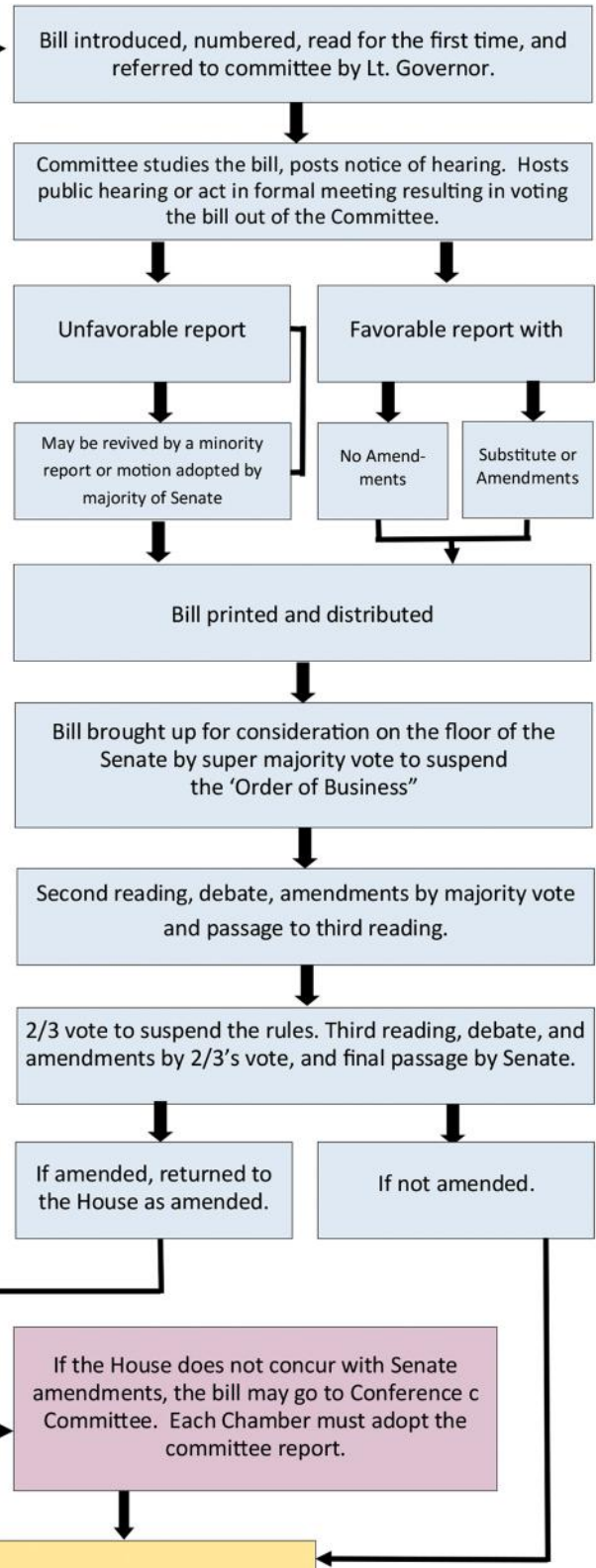
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# Flow Chart of How a Bill Becomes Law in Texas

## HOUSE



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# Call to Action

To understand the legislative process better, choose a couple of bills you are interested in and follow them on the Texas Legislature Online.

<https://capitol.texas.gov/>

Election Integrity - HB 329, HB 335, HB 574, SB 155

Religious Freedom—HB 525, HB 1218, HB 1229, HJR 1, HJR 3, SB 251

Ban Gender Modification—HB 68

Constitutional Carry—1238

Monument Protection—HB 1079

Executive Overreach—HB 1239

Before looking up the bill, explore the whole website. There is so much information there. On the right side of the screen, get familiar with the video section.

When your bill comes up for a hearing, you can listen into that committee.

1. Look up the bill.
  - A. Find out who Authored it
  - B. When it was filed
  - C. Pull up the text of the bill and read it.
2. Has the bill been assigned a Committee?
  - A. What date was it assigned in a committee.
  - B. Go back to the Homepage and look under the House or Senate Committees. Find the committee and click on it to see who sits on that committee.
3. Call you Representative or Senator and tell them that a bill you are very interested in has been filed and in \_\_\_\_\_ Committee. You would like him/her to co-sponsor the bill and do whatever he/she can to support and advocate for the bill.
4. Sign up on TLO to get alerts when the bill's status has changed. Also sign up to receive alerts from STAT at [www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org), then go to #TXlege.
5. Keep track of the bills and call your legislators when the bill moves, **OR DOESN'T!** We need our Priority legislation through the House or Senate Committee by the middle of April to have a chance of getting through Calendars.

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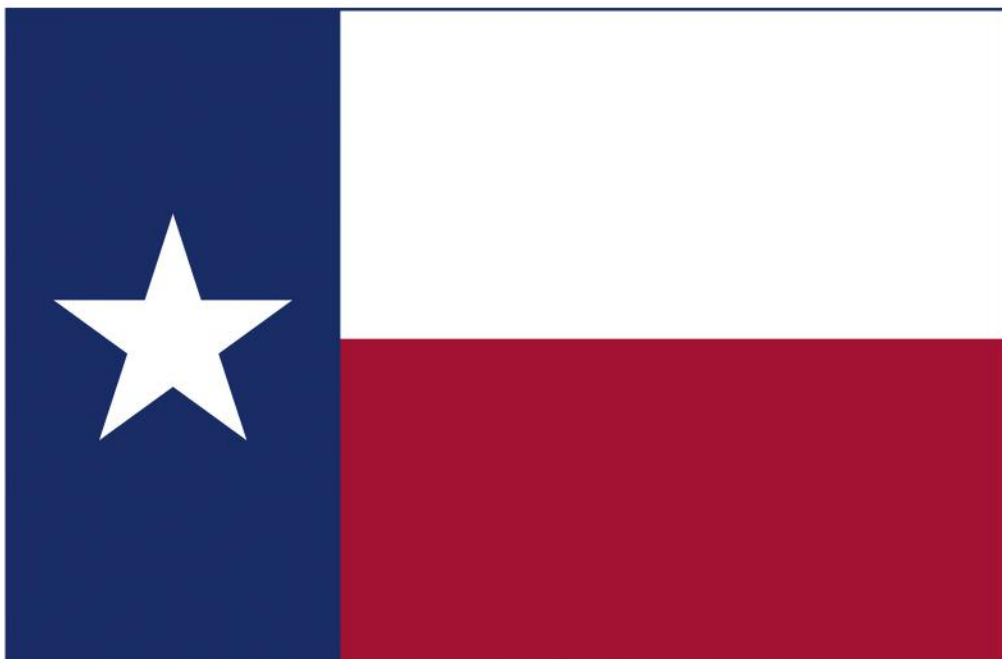
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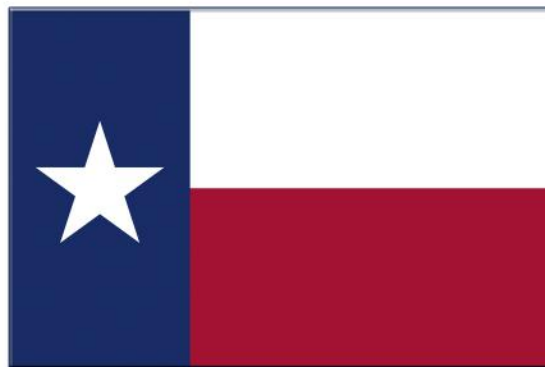
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